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Re: Proposition 84 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations


Dear Mr. Joseph:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposition 84 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations (Recommendations). The County of Tulare Board of Supervisors (Board) supports the Recommendations of the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) staff. We feel CDWR staff has conducted a very creditable analysis of the grant applications and that the draft recommendations are consistent with both the Proposition 84 IRWM Guidelines, and the Round 1 Implementation Proposal Solicitation Package. The Board encourages CDWR to finalize the Recommendations without any revisions.


Furthermore, the Board supports the efforts of the Upper Kings Basin IRWM Authority (Water Authority), Kaweah River Basin IRWM (Kaweah), and Poso Creek IRWM (Poso) regions to secure external funding. The amount requested in the Proposition 84 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant application submitted by the Water Authority was \$13,333,333, Kaweah was \$7,286,423, and Poso was \$12,892,510. While the recommended awards to the Water Authority is \$8,496,000, Kaweah is \$4643,000 and Poso is \$8,215,000 are significantly lower than the amount requested, the project proponents will likely be able to complete their respective projects by contributing additional local funds. However, if less than the recommended amount is received, completion of the projects could be at risk.


In conclusion, the Board fully supports the efforts of Upper Kings Basin IRWM Authority, the Kaweah River Basin, and the Poso Creek regions as they seek Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding, and encourages CDWR to finalize the Recommendations without any revisions.

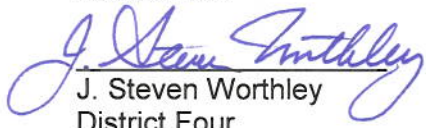
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